

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**SUBJECT:** Solid Waste Fund Options To Date

**REQUESTED ACTION:** For Direction

☐ Work Session (Report Only)

**DATE OF MEETING:** 8/24/2010

☒ Regular Meeting

☐ Special Meeting

**CONTRACT:** ☒ N/A

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor/Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Managing Division / Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

**BUDGET IMPACT:** N/A

☐ Annual

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

N/A

☐ Capital

**EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:**

N/A

☒ N/A

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**HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:**

The Solid Waste Fund is diminishing faster than our predicted September 30, 2011 timeframe due to further reduction in our commercial customer base. The "break even" point that we have operated on in the past is roughly 65 tons per day to also support the post closure care costs of the landfill.

Following the soon departure of the City of Brooksville waste, we may be down to 30 tons per day. The cost of disposal we pay to Waste Services, Inc. is comparable to the tipping cost of the Sumter Sanitation transfer station in Wildwood; therefore, our tipping fee cannot be competitive. Further, Waste Services, Inc. redirected at least 10 tons per day to one of their operating transfer stations.

Following discussions with Waste Services, Inc, ACMS, and Waste Management none have shown a strong interest in operating our transfer station; therefore, there is no point in putting out a request for proposals for this service. Since the waste haulers for Center Hill, Webster, Wildwood, and The Villages do not utilize our transfer station the only entity that would be impacted by our closure would be the City of Bushnell. Since we do not have an interlocal service boundary agreement with them that requires our location to be a disposal location for them they can also redirect their waste as the other cities and The Villages has.

The only viable recommendation is:

1. Mothball the transfer station (accept no waste to the transfer station; however, maintain the permit).
2. Redirect the current commercial customer base to Sumter Sanitation or any other disposal location of their choice.
3. Utilize General Fund to support the minimum activities of manning the citizen drop off location and minimum recycling efforts at that location which implies not accepting any commercial waste to the site (recyclables may be permitted).
4. The remaining fund balance of the Solid Waste Fund would support the transition as early as October 1 but no later than January 1, 2011 to provide a severance package to the employees that cannot or do not desire to fill the reduced pay positions due to the reduction in position responsibilities of manning the citizen drop off operation. The balance of the solid waste fund following this activity would be solely for the capital post closure care costs of the landfill.

I am seeking direction on this issue since it does adversely impact the general fund for FY10/11 and the modifications to the same need to be made this week in preparation of the budget public hearings in September.

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